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## REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending in this application. Claims 1-21 are rejected under 35 USC 112, first and second paragraphs, due to confusion regarding the use of the terms "first end" and "second end" with regard to the snout portion of the claimed device. Claims 2, 3, 5 and 8-10 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Wilcox. Claims 1, 4, 7, 11 and 12-21 are found to have allowable subject matter if applicant can overcome the rejections under 37 CFR 112. The applicant notes that the status of claim 6 is not stated in the Office Communication.

Claims 1, 2, 12, 20 and 21 are amended herein to correct the use of the terms "first end" and "second end" thereby overcoming the rejections under 35 USC 112.

The applicant traverses the rejection of claims 2, 3, 5 and 8-10 under 35 USC 102. MPEP §2131 provides that a claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described in a single prior art reference. The identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as contained in the claim. The elements must be arranged as required by the claim.

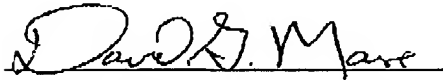
Independent claim 2 has been amended to include the limitations of "a puller rod having a first end adapted to be removably engaged with the fuel injector and a second end removably engageable with the prime mover while the second end is engaged with the fuel injector, with the puller rod being movable by the prime mover from a first position where the first end of the puller rod is adjacent the first end of the snout portion to a second position where the first end of the puller rod is spaced from the first end of the snout portion for separating the fuel injector from the cylinder head." Wilcox fails to teach or suggest such a combination of elements or such a functional relationship between the elements. The "pull rod 83" of Wilcox mentioned by the Examiner does not anticipate the claimed puller rod. Wilcox describes element 83 as an "elongated rigid rod" that is not used as a puller rod, but rather is used only as an abutment for engagement with the end of the fastener pin 39 to limit the insertion of the jaws 37 onto the fastener pin 39. Furthermore, the rod 83 of Wilcox does not have the claimed "first end adapted to be removeably engaged with the fuel injector" (since it is not connected, but only may abut the fastener pin 39), nor does it have "a second end

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removeably engageable with the prime mover while the second end is engaged with the fuel injector" (since it is not connected to either the fastener pin 39 nor the prime mover piston 14). Thus, independent claim 2 and its dependent claims 3-11 contain limitations that are not taught by the Wilcox reference and they are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration of the amended application in light of the above Remarks and allowance of claims 1-21 are respectfully requested.

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